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Christmas Presents and Things That Can Be Made

ONE of the annually recurring problems of the Christmas season is: "What unusual and attractive gifts are simple and inexpensive enough for the children to make?" Here are a few suggestions:

Among the easiest is a lovely perfumer made by sticking an apple with cloves until it is completely covered, and appears to be a brown ball. It will last for years, lending a delicate fragrance to lingerie or handkerchiefs.

The hostess who entertains often will welcome a scrap book of party ideas, games, refreshments, etc., which may be clipped from the newspapers and magazines. These may be grouped as to seasons—Christmas, Halloween or Thanksgiving. How-to-do-something items and recipes also make good collections. The latter may be either arranged as menus or classed as soups, vegetables, etc. These books should preferably be of the loose-leaf type, and in any case, the pages should be numbered and the items indexed.

A dainty pinholder may be made from six empty match boxes, pasted together to form a chest of drawers. Cover the front and back of each inner box, glue the outer boxes together, and paste a colored cover around the top, bottom and sides. If cloth is used, unless it is exceptionally heavy, it will be necessary to paste a cover of white paper on first, so that the printing on the match boxes will not show through. To each drawer attach a hook, snap, button, pin, etc., to serve as a handle and to indicate its contents.

Not alone women, but men, too, appreciate handkerchiefs. Some are made of crepe de chine or georgette and edged with lace. Colored threads may be drawn in them, although this work is easier in pongee or linen. To make them exceptionally distinctive and personal, in place of an initial or monogram, trace and embroider the signature of the person for whom they are intended.—Helen Gaisford.

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The Postman Was Loaded With a Burden of Love

"WELL, John Tracy, you look like old Santa, himself!" called Postmaster Briggs to John Tracy, the veteran mail carrier of the Heights section of Midbury.

"I not only look like one but I feel decidedly so, for a funny thing happened today!" Tracy's face was wreathed in smiles as he walked across to his locker and dropped his cargo of mysterious looking packages within.

The gang was all curiosity, but he kept them guessing while he took his time locking up the steel cabinet and seating himself for a moment's rest.

"My customers," as he always termed his patrons or the community which he served, "planned a job on me. They appointed a committee, I understand, to interview every family on my route. They asked that everyone refrain from mailing one thing this morning, that I would be empty handed unless it be a present for me. For a couple of blocks I didn't know what to think, but at almost every house I found a package for me, and then I began to get wise. So—to make a long story short—I carried nothing back with me but things addressed to myself. But, Briggs, it sure was a burden of love! Gosh, I didn't dream folks thought that much of only THEIR POSTMAN!"—L. B. Lyons.

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Counting the Chickens

"Have you finished your Christmas shopping yet?"

"Heavens, yes! I've already figured out what I'm going to receive and how many exchanges I'll make."

Singing Christmas Carols

The old custom of singing carols in the streets was revived in 1917. In 1918 thirty cities co-operated. It is expected that carols will be sung this Christmas eve on the streets, in the parks, as well as in the churches, schools and public institutions of communities.

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A PAPER DEVOTED TO THE BEST INTERESTS OF MENLO PARK AND SAN MATEO COUNTY

VOLUME 5 — MENLO PARK, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1927

City Fathers Hold Session

When the Mayor called the meeting of the City Council to order last Tuesday evening in the new council chamber in the building on the Highway next to the Bank all of the members of the council answered to their names

The council chamber was packed to the doors by those who wished to know what was going on first hand and there was much speculation as to what would be done by the city fathers on this occasion.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk nd adopted on motion of Harcom seconded by Ellis.

Owing to the fact that the city attorney had not arrived on the scene of action Councilman Brown made a motion to the effect that all new business be laid over until the next meeting, which he placed at two weeks hence on account of the Christmas holidays.

Councilman Harcom suggested that the applications from various persons for the appointive offices to be filled by the council be read at this time so as to give the members of the board a chance to invesigate them so as to be able to act intelligently when it came time to make the appointments and moved the same but his motion failed a second.

After some few minutes delay the attorney arirved and asked to be excused for being late as he had run out of "gas". and the council at once proceeded with the business of the evening.

The Mayor asked the attorney if the meeting could be adjourned to the 10 of January and was advised that this could be done if it was so desired

The City Attorney advised against the adjournment of the meeting as i would interfere with the passage of some very necessary ordinances which should go into effect by the first of January in order to start producing revenue to run the city on.

An Ordinance to be known as ordinance No. 1, providing a time and a place for the meetings of the City Council was then taken up and read for the first time.

Ordinance No. 2 was next read providing for a seal for the citiy of Menlo Park was next read for the first time.

A desire was expressed to have an engraving of the old Menlo Park Gate or an Oak Tree in the center of the seal but when the Council was informed that this would make the seal cost some ten of fifteen dollars more on acocunt of the hand engraving necessary it das decided not to have it done but to use the plain seal.

An ordinance providing for the compensation of the various officers and fixing their bonds was next read.

Councilman Harcom made a motion seconded by Ellis that the salary of the City Clerk be fixed at $50 per month and that the salary of City Treasurer J. W. Ryan be made $1 per month and the motion carried and these amounts were entered in the ordinance.

It was explained that no expected a large salary from the citiy ojces at this time and that Mr. Ryan only expected a salary of $1 per year.

The Menlo Park Branch of the American Trust Company was named as the place where the city money should be placed.

The bond for the clerk was fixed at $1000 and that of the treasurer at $5000 and the Council on motion ordered the bonds written by E. M. Rankin, who is a local man and Mayor Blake stated he was in favor of home industry.

Ordinance No. 4 providing for an attorney and fixing his salary at $25 per month with a provision for an extra amount for extraordinany services was also introduced and read the first time.

These ordinances will be read the second time and passed by the council at their meeting next Tuesday night.

An ordinance fixing a business license was sketched over but it was decided that this was too big a problem to be undertaken at this time and one that would require much study and the board was appointed a committee of the whole to take the matter up. It was decided to list all of the businesses and professions in the city and the matter was taken up at last night's session.

A Mr. Mason of Palo Alto requested permission to address the board in regard to re-assessing the property and increasing the tax roll to secure more money for municipal purposes. The members of the council stood as one man against any tampering or fixing of the tax rate at figures other than those now prevailing.

Lawrence Cook Is Given High Honor

Lawrence H. Cook of this city is one of the most fortunate men in this part of the state today and is rejoicing in his appointment as a teacher of chemistry at the University of Santa Clara. Cook has been making a study of this subject for a long time and his appointment to the University is the reward of his effort.

The report of the appointment came early this week, and Cook will without a doubt prov his worth a she has put in many years work along this line.

Just recently Cook won the prize offered for a certain kind of an ink mixture offered by an eastern firm after a long period of work.

L.H. Cook is wekk known in Menlo Park where he conducted the Safety Electric works, he was also recently elected a member of the Menlo Park Sanitary Baord and for a long time was commander of the naval reserve unit in this district.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT TRINITY CHURCH—MENLO

Services for Christmas Day at the Trinity Episcopal Church, between the railroad and Laurel avenue on Oak Grove avenue have been arranged as follows.

Early Celebration, 8:00 a. m.

Festival Holy Communion and sermon, 10 a. m.

MUSIC

Processional, "O Come All Ye Faithful."

After carol, "Good King Wencilaus."

Kyries.

Gloria Tibi.

Taus Tibi.

Sermon Hymn, "Hark The Herald Angels Sing."

Offertory Anthem.

Doxology, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Tersanctus, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Communion Hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Gloria.

"Silent Night,"—Sotto Voce, without words.

Music by the vested choir. Choirmaster Baylor Brooks, organist, Mrs. H. J. Van Horne.

Rev. Ralph Smith, Pastor.

F.J F.urnivall furnished the chairs for the new city office in the banw building, thus exemplifying the Councils' determination to trade at home. Furnivall also laid the linoleum in the fire house when it was renovated recently.

High School District Meeting Interesting

Last Friday night's meeting of the Sequoia high school board was attended by some seventy-five people among whom were a number of residents from the citiy of Menlo Park. On opening the meeting the chairman stated that here had not been time to have all present whom it had been intended to invite.

The object of the meeting was to secure the opinion of those in the districts adjacent to Palo Alto in regard to he formaion of a new Junior Collegea or near this city.

A number of the Santa Clara county districts were not ready at this time to join in the movement.

It was shown that Palo Alto High school district had an assessed valuation of $11,000,000 and that the valuation of Sequoia's district was $14,000,000.

Among the speakers were J. Pembroke, J. J. Harcom and Frank R. Cain from Menlo Park and one and all of the mcontended that Menlo Prak was the place for the new school to be located.

Cain pointed to the fact that if a Junior College was formed out of the Palo Alto High school district with a tax of 50 cent on the $100, there would be but $55,000 to run the school on and that this was not nearly enough to run the school on and that if the taxes were raise dhigh enough to provide sufficient funds the electors of the district would vote them matter down. He explained that under the law it was possible to annext another district before the new district was ofrmed but if the district was formed to only include Palo Alto it would be very difficult to annex more territory it would first be necessary to submit the petition to the county superintendent of schools, and if approved then it must be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval and if it were so approved it was so ordered.

If the procedings are delayed a little and a joint district is organized from Sequoia and Palo Alto High districts it will only be necessary to have 500 electors sign the petition and to obtain the approval of the two county superintendents of schools after which the election can be called.

A majority vote is all that is needed to carry the project.

By consolidating the two districts an assessed valuation of between $25,000 and $26,000,000 will be secured and the taxes will not have to be increased to any great extent to run the school.

It is understood that the new school will be erected opposite the Stanford University in Sanford Park district to this city and that the Stanford people will donate a large acreage for the school purposes.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS SCORE SUCCES FOR KIDDIES

The Operetta "Christmas in Mother Goose Land" staged by the members of Mnlo Parlor ,Native Daughters of the Golden West last Wendesday night in Masonic Hall for the benefit of the homeless children of the Golden State was an unqualified success from the standpoint of higl class entertainment and a great dea of credit is due those who worked so hard to put he affair over.

It would be impossible to pick ou any one of the children for th star of the evening. From little Billy Lindquist with his broken shoulden to the oldest child in the cast everything went off perfectly.

Timothy Hopkins Property Is Sold

"Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Hopkins have purchased the property formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs .Leslie Comyn in Washington street and will raze the house and build an attractive new home there, having disposed of the Menlo Park place. Mr. and Mrs. Comyn have taken the Van Eck place on Russian Hill formerly occupied by Mrs. Franklin K. Lane."—San Francisco Call of December 21.

It is reported that the Hopkins place on this side of the San Francisquito creek and east of the city limits of Menlo Park is to be subdivided and placed on the market in the near future.

The place is abeautifu piece of land and if subdivided will beyond a doubt bring many fine families to this district to make their homes.

WORK ON NEW BRIDGE STARTED YESTERDAY

Actual construction work on the bridge which will span San Francisco Bay between San Mateo and Hayward was started yesterday according to advices received here. This announcement was made by Captain Savage , engineer for the San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge Company, which will construct and operate the gigantic span.

A big floating piledriver was brought downfrom San Francisco and drove the first pile yesterday. The first piles will be of wood and will act as a guid ein the dredging and concrete pile driving operations.

The work of driving these wood piles started in the center of the bay, the float moving toward the shore as the piles are sunk.

The pile driving was a fulfillmen of the company's promise to begin operations in 1927 and the pile driving operations are being carried on by the Raymond Concrete Pile Construction Company under contract from the bridge concern.

NEW EATING HOUSE OPENS ON SANTA CRUZ AVENUE

A new dining room has been opened at 22 Santa Cruz avenue, just back of the Dale Grocery store which is catering especially to Menlo Park people.

A hot merchant's lunch wil be served at noon and dinner in the evening with a specia dinner on Sundays and holidays.

A special Christmas dinner has been arranged for Sunday and those no caring to go to the trouble of getting up a big dinner for the holiday should take advantage of the dinner prepared at "The Cottage" which is the nam of the new dining room.

Miss E. C. Blair, recently from Washington, D. C., has an exceptional knowledge of the art of cooking and her skill is now offered to local residents. Social Tea from 3 to 5 p. m

FRED BAUDERMANN TO OCCUP YNEW QUARTERS

Fred Bauderman, proprietor of the Menlo Park News Agency will move his place of business from its present quarters to the store next to the bank on the highway.

John Glunz has been engaged for the past two or three days in putting in the partition and fixing up the window so that is can be used to advantage in displaying the various wares which will be carried by the news bureau.

WELCH-HYLAND TO BATTLE FOR PASADENA HONORS

By Don E. Liebendorfer

Two of the fastest and most elusive open field runners in the United States will match strides in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena on January 2 when gridiron elevens of Stanford and Pittsburgh meet. Captain Gibby Welch of Pitt and Dick Hyland of Stanford are the men to whom we refer.

Welch, almost a unanimous All-American choice this year, has blazed a fiery trail across the gridirons of the East and comes West reputed to be one of the greatest football players in the history of the Pennsylvania institution. Welch's favorite spectacular stunt is to take the ball on the kickoff and run the length of the field for a touchdown. He opened the Pittsburgh-Nebraska game with just such a dash, running 90 yards through the entire Cornhusker team.

Hyland is admittedly the fastest man in a football suit on the Pacific Coast. His forte is returning punts for long gains. Dick has pulled the Cardinals out of many holes this year by running back kicks to approximately their starting points.

This pair of speed merchants will show the spectators plenty of action and furnish more than their share of thrills. Nor are Welch and Hyland the only speed threats. Pittsburgh also has Jimmy Hagan, who is nearly as fast as his captain and probably missed All-American mention only because he is a teammate of the great Welch. In the Nebraska game, Hagan made a 63 yard run for a touchdown.

In addition to Hyland, Stanford has Frank Wilton, a little fellow who is also fast and elusive and is a harder runner than his teammate. Each of this quintet of great backs can run, pass, and kick.

POPULAR LUNCH WAGON WILL CLOSE ALL DAY ON CHRISTMAS

Charles O'Neil, who operates the popular lunch room known as "The Wagon" has announced that he will not open his place of business on Sunday next (Christmas Day) but will take the day off with his family.

Charlie, as O'Neil is known by his friends here, has not taken a day off in several months and feels that the public can either eat enough tomorrow to last it over until Monday or that a day's fast will do it good and will take a day off.

MENLO PARK CLEANING ESTABLISHMENT TO HAVE FINE NEW BUILDING

L. Vanuvhi Brothers who have the contract for the erection of a fine new concrete building for the Menlo Cleaning and Dyeing Works started the work of construction yesterday.

The building will be strictly modern and up-to-date in every detail and will comply with the state laws. It will be fire proof and the Cleaning and Dyeing establishment will install the latest and most approved machinery to keep abreast of their ever growing trade. The cost of the building it is reported will be between $5000 and $6000.

Mrs. J. W. Copley of Santa Barbara returned home after a sojourn with her brother, H. J. Strickland proprietor ofof the Menlo Service Station.

HICKMAN CAUGHT IN OREGON

William Edward Hickman, wanted at Los Angeles in connection with the murder and kidnapping of Marion Parker, was arrested yesterdy fternoon, east of Echo, Oregon, by Buck Lieualla,n state officer, and Tom Gurdane, chief of police of Pendleton.

Money found in his possession corresponded with that given in Los Angeles.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUN.

The Sunday School Program and Christmas Tree will be the event of interest tonight for all the friends of the Presbyterian Church in this city. Be- playlet, "The Christmas Pilgrim," will be given by a group of Juniors.

On Sunday morning the Sunday school will meet at nine o'clock instead of nine forty-ve. The session will close in time for the children's celebration at the Douglas estate at eleven o'clock service the pastor will speak upon "Light and Enlightenment fro mthe Star of Bethlehem."

The evening service will be a special Christmas service with several selections of special music and the story of "The Other Wise Man," by Van Dyke taking the place of the regular sermon.

MANY OUT OF STATE PEOPLE REGISTER AT MENLO CAMP

Among the out of state guests who have been enjoying the hospitality and comforts of the Menlo Park Bungalito Court and the glorious climate of Menlo Park during the past week were:

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and hon of Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Snoeberger of Camdan, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cripe, Camden, Ind.

E. M. Burns, San Francisco.

T. Glimne, Oakland.

Mrs. Jay W. Seaver of Chatanuga, N. Y., and Miss Beatrice Wadsworth of London, England that taken one of the comfortable Bungalitos for an indefinite period.

Frank Campbell predicts a sell out of the Camp for Christmas eve, to the guests of over crowded Menlo Park homes.

TRINITYSUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

The children of Trinity Sunday school will have their Christmas tree and all that goes with it this evening beginning at half past seven. The kiddies under the leadership of Mrs. Clinton La Montayne are stageing a beautiful little Christmas Pageant of the Nativity with appropriate music and songs.

There will be othr Christmas numbers on the program which will conclude with a Christmas Tree and Santa Claus has been induced to be present in person for the kiddies, so a good time is in store for all at the Parish House this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Bone motored to Newman, California, yesterday. Mrs. Bone's mother, Mrs. Ewing will return with them fo ra visit over the holidays.

Mrs. M. H. Strickland of Santa Barbara will spend the winter here in Menlo Park, with her son, H. J. Strickland.

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Golden State
News of Interest to All

California's first Christmas tree plantation, and possibly the first in the country, is to be established at Chicago Park, Nevada county, according to an announcement by State Forester M. B. Pratt.

Oak Bar, in Siskiyou county, one of the picturesque "ghost cities" of California, is probably the only town in America which has been sold three times in a single year. According to word from Yreka, Oak Bar has changed hands three times during 1927, the present owners, William Hopewell of Redwood City and John Br[illegible]a of Alameda, indicating they intend to turn the place into a summer resort.

Public offering of $1,000,000 State of California building and university buildings 4 per cent bonds was made last week by a syndicate, headed by the Anglo London Paris National Trust and Savings Association. The bonds are general obligations of the State of California, and priced to yield 3.80 per cent. The last preceding offering of State bonds was made several weeks ago on a 3.85 basis.

It is interesting to note that California bonds are enjoying a steadily improving market in the East, as is evidenced by the narrowing price differential between the obligations of California and those of Eastern States, commanding the highest credit rating. The State of California's financial statement shows a total assessed valuation (1927)) of $7,647,607 and a total bonded debt of $106,518,500.

Award to W. A. Bechtel Company, San Francisco, of a $43,209 contract for elimination of two railroad grade crossings on the Victory highway near Applegate, Placer county, was announced last week by the state department of public works. The state engineers' estimate on the project was $55,932. The department also received a low bid of $22,171 from H. C. Whitley, Los Angeles, on widening eight bridges in Merced county. The state engineer's estimate was $26,149.

"I do not choose to run in 1928." Coolidge made the phrase, but didn't copyright it. And Big White Deer, Empire Indian Marathon, knows a good phrase when he sees it. He used it boldly and without change to notify Harry Ridgeway of the marathon committee that he will not be in the race next year. But there will be plenty of others, says Ridgeway. The race will be made over the 480-mile Redwood Highway between San Francisco and Grants Pass, Oregon, within a time limit of ten days.

William E. Colby, San Francisco attorney and forestry conservationist, was last week elected chairman of the new State Park Commission, and W. B. Rider, deputy state forester for several years, was named acting chief of the State Division of Parks. Rider was appointed to act temporarily and the matter of choosing a permanent executive officer and division chief was set for the next commission meeting.

A gift of $10,000 to the University of California at Berkeley for establishment of a bureau for collection and distribution of infantile paralysis serum was announced by President W. W. Campbell last week, following a meeting of the university regents. Fifty San Franciscans joined in making the gift. The bureau will be under direction of Dr. Karl Meyer of the university's Hooper Foundation for Medical Research.

Forty prominent California Democrats met in San Francisco last week to take formal action in an effort to bring the 1928 Democratic National Convention to San Francisco. They decided to send telegrams to all of the ninety-six members of the national committee, urging them to select this city. Charles W. Fay, former San Francisco postmaster, was named chairman of the "San Francisco Democratic Convention Committee." Selection of a convention city will be made in Washington, January 12th, by the national committee.

The California motor vehicle transportation license tax act of 1923 was sustained in effect last week by the supreme court. An attack by the Bacon Service Corporation, operating in Fresno county was dismissed for want of jurisdiction. The section was passed over without discussion or move by any member to amend it. The treasury recommended that these levies be retained as they are.

Gifts totaling $800,000 and establishment of the new Stanford endowment fund were announced last week by President Ray Lyman Wilbur, following a meeting in San Francisco of the university board of trustees. The general education board had agreed to give Stanford $1,500,000 fund for advanced work by students and faculty members in physical, chemical, biological and social service.

San Francisco is allotted $396,449.16, Alameda county $369,546.60, and Santa Clara county $143,584.05 under the biennial distribution to the counties of California of their share of the gasoline and transportation license tax collected during the six months period ending September 30.

A premium of $10,800 for $1,000,000 worth of the building bonds voted last year, was realized by the State last week at a sale conducted by State Treasurer Charles G. Johnson. The proceeds from the sale will be used in improving the plant of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The Supreme Court decision on illegal evidence in prohibition cases is not new, nor will it affect California, it was declared recently by Superior Judge Walter Perry Johnson. "Federal and State courts have different procedure," he said. "In State courts it makes no difference, once the trial starts, how the evidence is obtained. In Federal courts the legality of the evidence may be questioned at any time during the trial.

The annual convention of County Coroners of California was held last week in the offices of Dr. T. B. W. Leland, coroner of San Francisco county. Fifteen members of the association attended.

Indicating the growth of educational institutions on the Pacific coast, the State Department of Education announced last week that the average city high school in California has reached a size greater than private colleges in some sections of the country. The average California city high school, for instance, has five separate buildings and some have as many as ten. There is at least one auditorium and gymnasium to each institution and the average school is equipped with fifty-eight classrooms. A survey of eighty-five high schools in forty-two cities was reported as showing an average enrollment of 1,169 and average daily attendance of 1,010. These cities maintain one teacher to every seventeen, six pupils enrolled and one educational supervisor to every forty-three teachers.

Thirty-five new banking structures to represent a minimum cost of $2,500,000 have been scheduled for construction in the Los Angeles territory during the coming year by the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association. Announcement of the tentative physical development program, which in all probability will run far in excess of the above figures, was made last week by R. V. Morrison, in charge of the bank's constructions

California husbands must pay income tax for their wives, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last week at San Francisco, in a decision upholding the action of David H. Blair, commissioner of internal revenue at Los Angeles. Blair refused to consider separate income tax returns by William Roth and his wife, Edith, of Los Angeles, in 1921, and ruled that Roth must file a single return for both himself and wife.

Announcing that California state banks now have deposits totaling $1,573,402,560.38, Will C. Wood, state superintendent of banks, declared last week that deposits ought to amount to over two billion dollars by January 1, 1929. "This is a period of intense competition in every line of business, and banking is not an exception," Wood said in the December number of the "State Banking Department Bulletin."

A warning against diphtheria was sounded last week by the state department of public health, as the disease began its seasonal increase. Approximately 125 cases per week are being reported to the state health authorities. Parents are urged to have their children immunized.

The Tri-State Airlines of Oakland announced recently that by the middle of next month the company will have a fleet of big monoplanes carrying from four to twelve passengers to many important cities in the west, including Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield in interior California.

Members of the California tax commission met in San Francisco last week to discuss plans for beginning their investigation of the state's revenues, shortly after the first of the year. Choice of a tax expert to assist in studying the revenue system and to search for sources of revenue now being overlooked, was under discussion, and Irving Martin, Stockton, chairman of the commission, said they were desirous of getting the best expert available.

Receipt of the fourth court certificate seeking aid for a crippled child under the State's new Crippled Children's Act, was announced a few days ago by Dr. Walter M. Dickie, director of public health. The latest certificate is from Butte county. One case has been certified from Fairfield and two from Fresno. The Butte county child will be brought to a hospital in Sacramento for treatment necessary to restore it to health, the expense being first borne by the State and later by the county.

Reclamation of Dos Rios Island, at the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, with the view of establishing a prison farm upon it, is being given serious consideration by the State administration. Alexander R. Heron, State director of finance, has reported to Governor C. C. Young that expenditure of a few thousand dollars will probably be sufficient to reclaim a considerable acreage for truck garden purposes. San Quantin prison inmates, under this plan, would work the island which belongs to the State.

Plans for the construction of a Lutheran university near Culver City, the first unit of which will cost $5,000,000, were announced at Los Angeles last week by Dr. L. E. Boe, president of St. Ola College at Northfield, Minn.

The highest arch span bridge in the California State highway system was opened to traffic last week in the Harlan D. Miller memorial bridge across Dog Creek on the Pacific Highway in the Sacramento River Canyon. The great structure is 130 feet above the creek bed. It is just below the town of Delta.

Singing Christmas Carols

Christmas carols were sung as far back as 1521 and were said to be the songs sung by angels at the birth of Christ.

First Christmas Observance

The observance of Christmas began about the Fourth century. It became a general custom only in the Thirteenth century.

OUR CHRISTMAS

By LELIA MITCHELL THORNTON
in Ohio Farmer

Does Christmas mean but holly wreaths
And gleaming mistletoe;
But princess pine our halls to twine?
Oh, no! I think not so.

It means in Judah's manger-bed
One holy Christmas morn,
Of David's line a Babe di[illegible],
The King of Kings, was born.

Does Christmas mean but ringing bells
And vespers chanted low;
But sermons read and banquets spread?
Oh, no! I think not so.

It means in every struggling heart
A gentle spirit birth,
Till each shall ken "Good will to men,"
And peace o'er all the earth.

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BILL DOOLEY in "ROW, SAILOR ROW"
TOPICS OF THE DAY AESOP'S FABLES

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The Christmas Spell

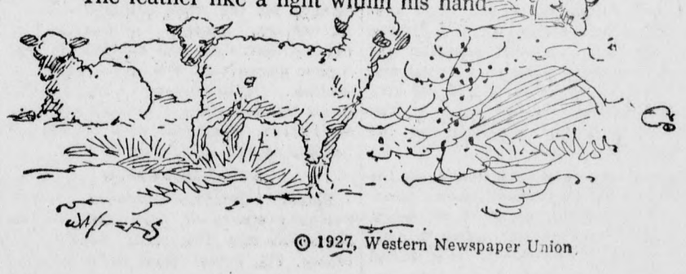
By FOLGER McKINSEY
in St. Louis Globe-Democrat

A WHISPER in the house,
A rumor through the rooms,
The children quiet as a mouse,
With cheeks as red as blooms.
A titter on the stair,
A smothered laugh, and then
That wonderful and mystic air—
When Christmas comes again.
A slipping in at dusk
With bundles to be hid,
An odor of the cookies' musk
Beneath some closet's lid.
A kindlier grace and glow,
A softer thought and speech,
A dearer wish to grow
In closer love for each,
And this and these—they tell,
They are the deathless sign—
It is the Christmas spell
In your home and in mine.

A Christmas Gift From God

by Martha Banning Thomas

"YOU cannot go with us!" the shepherds said,
"You are the youngest . . . therefore you must stay
Here on the hill and watch the flocks instead."
And thus they left him there and went their way.
He shivered in the cold and stamped his feet,
Wrapping his shabby cloak of skins around
His body . . . and he thought:—"They're in the street
Of Bethlehem and maybe they have found
What they are looking for. They said a KING!
Well, let them go and waste their precious time.
Sheep must be watched."
But soon the strangest thing
Happened around him. Bells began to chime,
Shaking a golden music on the air,
A radiance spread across the wintry hill,
And voices sang like birds . . . and everywhere
Was music. So the lonely lad stood still,
Shading his eyes against the dazzling light,
His heart beat wildly. "PEACE ON EARTH TO MEN!"
The heavenly choir sang. A trembling fright
Ran through his veins. He could not breathe . . . and then,
There came a present to this shepherd boy,
A Christmas gift from God . . . a swift, white thing
Fell at his feet . . . he picked it up with joy—
The glittering feather from an angel's wing!
The others laughed at him when they returned,
Saying he was too young to understand
The miracle of Jesus, yet there burned
The feather like a light within his hand.



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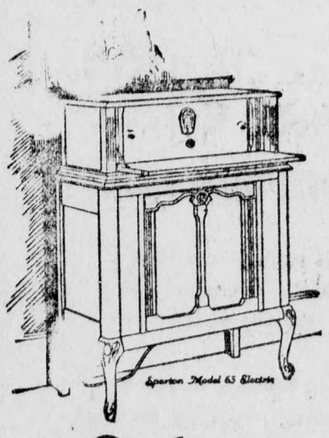

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THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

A Review of California Conditions from

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California Trade—California department stores report a 5.6% increase in volume of November business over November a year ago, compared with an average of 1% for the United States as a whole; and a 3.8% increase for the first 11 months of the year, compared with a nationwide average gain of 1%. Mail order houses show corresponding gains. Christmas trade in most parts of the state is reported to be at least as good as it was a year ago. November sales of automobiles was 34% below last year's figure and 11-month sales were 16% below 1926. The volume of wholesalers has not been up to last year's records with the exception of agricultural implements, automobile supplies and furniture; but decreases are not great, stocks are well balanced and collections are better than a year ago. Bank debits and post office receipts are running higher than in 1926; money is plentiful and credit conditions normal in most parts of the state.

Based upon estimates furnished by state departments, the Santa Fe Railroad computes the value of the farm, mineral and timber wealth produced in California during 1927 to be approximately $1,171,000,000. This exceeds all records for this state and is second only to Texas in production figures for the country. The value of the farm crops approximates $450,000,000, about the same as in 1926. Livestock will add $210,000,000, greater than a year ago. Minerals account for $450,000,000, and lumber $61,000,000, both larger than in 1926.

Weather and Crops—Normal temperatures, normal rainfall and absence of killing frosts made November weather especially favorable to crops and out-of-door activities. The precipitation was ample for the growth of truck crops, to start pastures and to moisten the ground for plowing and the sowing of grain; it delayed rice harvesting and spoiled some of the bean crop which was still on the ground.

The December 1 estimate of the California cotton crop shows prospects of a production of 94,000 bales, compared with 131,000 bales a year ago. About 63% of the crop, 60,000 bales, has been ginned prior to December 1. The 1927 yield averages 352 pounds of lint per acre, which is the highest average since 1919, excepting 1926. The rice crop is estimated to be over 4,000,000 bags, 75% larger than the average crop for the past five years. About 3,200,000 bags of the crop have now been harvested. Unusually large crops are also being cut in the Old South and Japan, and although California fancy rice is now selling for $5.00 per cwt., equal to the price of a year ago, the statistical position is not as strong as it was in 1926.

The Citrus Crop—The value of the California citrus fruit crop for the 1926-27 season, ended November 1, reached the record sum of $120,000,000, an increase of approximately 20% over last year's crop, according to estimate of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange. Car lot shipments for the season follow:

	1927	1926
Valencia Oranges (462 boxes to the car)	30,000	22,000
Navel Oranges (462 boxes to the car)	19,000	16,000
Lemons (400 boxes to the car)	13,000	13,000
Grapefruit (400 boxes to the car)	800	600

Lumber—Orders received by 15 mills, which represent 80% of the redwood produced in California, report sales this year to be considerably in excess of timber cut, although the overproduction problem is not yet completely solved. Below is a table of sales and production since 1924:

Year	Sales, ft.	Production, ft.
1924	265,388,000	344,771,000
1925	275,889,000	308,463,000
1926	297,124,000	306,987,000
1927	342,978,000	292,976,000

It is evident from these figures that new business has been increasing steadily and the stocks on hand are gradually being reduced. The same favorable trend is noted in the figures of the California white and sugar pine producers, who, to November 19 of this year, had cut 1,163,151,148 board feet, a decrease of 15.6%, compared with the same period last year. Orders received total 1,191,072,725 feet, an increase of 5.6% over the same period a year ago. There has been no change in prices.

Oil—Average daily production of crude oil in California during November was estimated to be 623,843 barrels, compared with 627,384 barrels in October and 639,104 barrels in November a year ago. Most recent figures, for the week ended December 10, indicate present production of 627,400 barrels; the outlook is for higher production within the next few months. Oil-in-storage on the Pacific Coast on November 1 totaled 140,046,248 barrels, compared with 144,986,347 barrels on the same date in 1926.

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Retail Trade—November retail business was good, according to reports of San Francisco department stores, 7% better than in November last year; sales for the year to November 30 are 1.4% larger than to the same date a year ago. There are varied reports on the volume of this year's "Christmas trade." Department stores, women's clothing stores and music and radio dealers report increased sales, but furniture stores, haberdashers and men's clothiers say that their Christmas business is not as yet up to the record of 1926. Many retailers complain of the marked decrease in cash purchases; cash buying in one instance has been reduced from 45% of all sales last year to 31% this year. They point to this condition as one reflection of the widespread speculation that prevails in the local stock and bond market. —WELLS FARGO BANK & UNION TRUST CO.

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In response to these requests, the Company this week announced that special arrangements had been made for the handling of Christmas business and that personal pictures, autographed with appropriate greetings, would be transmitted by wire, at reduced charges during the holiday season, from any one to another of the eight cities throughout the country in which the Bell System maintains sending and receiving stations.

It is further announced that the transmitted pictures would be attractively mounted in special Christmas folders and delivered to the designated parties by special messenger on Christmas Day. The service has been perfected to such a point that photographs can be transmitted by wire without loss of artistic detail and the received picture is scarcely distinguishable from the original transmitted.

Although it takes only seven and one-half minutes to send a telephotograph from station to station, the Company stated that due to the volume of business expected it was advisable for patrons to submit their photographs for transmission as soon as possible. Telephotographs sent prior to Christmas will be held at the receiving station if desired, and delivered on Christmas Day.

Telephotograph stations are in operation in San Francisco, New York, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Atlanta and Los Angeles. Due to the central location of these cities it is possible to relay received telephotographs to practically any city in the United States in a few hours.

Christmas Land

By MINNA IRVING
in Family Herald and Star

OH, CHRISTMAS LAND is not so far,
It's just across the hall
Within the little living room
Where holly decks the wall.
Right in the middle stands a tree
With crimson tinsel gay,
And strange and wondrous is the fruit
It bears on Christmas Day.

An apple and an orange grow
Upon the same green bough,
A wagon and a rocking horse,
A sled and spotted cow;
And nuts and sparkling sugar plums,
And drums and skates and horns,
And dolls with flaxen tresses drop
Like pears on windy morns.

But only little boys and girls
That always mind at school
And know their daily lessons well,
And try to keep each rule,
And say their prayers both morn and night,
Can hope to join the band
Of happy children round the tree
That grows in Christmas Land.

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FOR PUBLICATION

The following communication was received by the Recorder yesterday for publication and is printed in accordance with the request:—

Menlo Park, Dec. 22, 1927.

The Editor of Menlo Park Recorder:

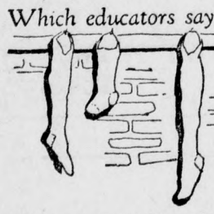
I want to protest against possible repetitions of the show of Punch and Judy last night in Masonic Hall. The children gave us a perfectly delightful performance, each giving his or her very best and we wtre all, I am sure just in the right Christmas spirit when Punch and Judy was announced. I was maybe just as excited as they as it is so very many years since I saw just a good funny Punch and Judy performance on the street in Champs Ellysees. This performance last night was not up to that standard and the performer can't have the understanding of little children or what a wonderful privilege it is o deal with them. Nothing but beautiful thoughts and sayings oûght to be shown them at this season where we all try to show our love for each other.

I thank you,
HELGA B. KUNDSEN,
Menlo Park.

Good Old Christmas Time

by Edith Miniter

SOME day I'll make a Christmas song,
And fill it full of words that sing,
Of Santa and his bells a-ring,
Which educators say be wrong!



I'll stockings hang, nor be afraid,
To name the sweets and granny-cakes.
Yet never hint at stomach aches
For bright eyed lad or tiny maid.

All rooms with garlands I will trim,
All rooms with holly wreaths be gay,
Nor will I on the morrow-day
O'er muss and fuss be sour and grim.

The biggest Christmas tree I'll choose,
A bearing gifts for everyone,
And joking gewgaws full of fun,
But not a single thing of use.

For ancient customs I'll be strong,
And not forget the mistletoe,
Where each girleen may kiss her beau,
And ne'er a match shall come out wrong.

The carollers shall all be there,
To walk and sing, however old,
Nor shall a single one catch cold,
Though snowdrops sparkle in the air.

And who will love my little song?
I rather think that all of you
Who read, will say, "We think so, too!"
Though educators call it wrong!

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U. C. EXTENSION COURSES TO OPEN NEXT MONTH

More than one hundred and seventy-five courses in twenty different departments will be opened in January and February for citizens of the San Francisco Bay District by the University of California Extension Division, accordto the 1928 bulletin, which is now ready for distribution.

Classes will be offered in San Francisco at the new Extension Center, 540 Powell Street, which will be officially opened in January; at several schools, hotels and meeting places in Oakland; at Alameda High School, in Alameda, and on the campus of the University of California.

Among the general subjects in which instruction will be offered one or two nights a week in one or all of the cities are: Art, artcraft, economics, education, engineering and industrial courses, English and writing, French, European travel, history, household art and science, hygiene, Italian, journalism, law, mathematics, philosophy, physiology, political science, public speaking, psychology, science, and Spanish.

Practically all of the courses are offered from 7 ao 9 in the evening, the bulletin states, with one or two in the afternoon for housewives and clubwomen. Every person who has inquired about extension courses during the past year will receive a copy of the new schedule, although the particular course inquired about may not yet be formed. Another schedule will be published in March, announcing further courses.

Instruction begins at the first meeting of each class, which is open to all who care to attend. Classes thereafter require a registration or visitor's card. Enrollment fee for each course is $1. Registration takes place at 540 Powell Street, San Francisco; 1512 Franklin Street, Oakland; or 301 California Hall, Berkeley campus.

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Let's Make It "A Merry Christmas"

By JAMES EDWARD HUNGERFORD
in Southern Ruralist

MY FRIEND, will Christmas mean to YOU
A day of blessings rare,
Among good friends, whose hearts are true,
Whose happiness you'll share?
Will Christmas bring the ones you love.
The day with you to spend?
If so, then thank the One above,
For you're in "LUCK," my friend!

To some it means a cheerless day,
With strangers all about,
And not a single sunshine ray
To wipe the shadows out;
And all about you they abound—
In hamlets, towns and marts;
No loving friends will gather 'round
To cheer THEIR lonely hearts!

My friend, will Christmas mean to YOU
A home that's bright with CHEER?
A wife, and laughing children, too,
And all that life holds dear?
Will Christmas bring you gifts of gold,
And BLESSINGS without end?
Or will you be "out in the cold,"
Without a single FRIEND?

If YOU are blessed with worldly wealth,
And friends whose hearts are true;
With wife and children; home and health,
My friend it's up to YOU
To help your friendless fellow men,
Whose lives are drab and gray,
And bring God's sunshine back again
To THEM—on Christmas Day!

Two Christmases

By BOY BLUE

Green paper holly
And green paper bills—
Stillness of starlight
And hush of white hills—

Hustle and hurry
To left and to right—
Wise men and shepherd lads
Praying all night—

Gifts of electric trains,
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When Phillip Received That Christmas Gift

PRISCILLA was making pumpkin pies. The fruit cake had been ripened and the turkey lay in festive state, stuffed with sage and onion. Although it was really a chicken, one didn't mention that, no more than one mentioned the fact that daddy was Santa Claus, or that the little black stockings which hung before the hearth fire would not be very full.

There was only one blot in Priscilla's Christmas joy. "I can't give Phillip anything," she said to her mother, worriedly. "It isn't as if he were a youngster and satisfied with red-yarn knitted mittens, or as if he were a poor boy, even, but when he sends me orchids, mother, I—I don't know what to do." Phillip was the young man from the city who had been exceedingly attentive to Priscilla. Flowers he sent, and fruits and dainty candies, but not the simple, homely kind to which she had been accustomed. It was not this air of richness though that made Priscilla's heart beat quick and thrilly. It was the simple, boyish way of him. Dear? Yes, she had just admitted it to herself.

And now he was coming to Christmas dinner with her and her happy, humble family and Priscilla in her unworldliness, felt that she had no gift for him. Her mother, though, was wiser. She looked with a tender, wistful pride at her fair young daughter, the daughter with soft eyes shining, with hair curled gayly in the steam of the fragrant kitchen, with rose-petal cheeks, blushed warm by young love and by Christmas. She finished her cooking and set the long white table where the hearth fire glowed and the Christmas tree was festive with red and tinsel.

Then Phillip had come and the dinner was progressing, fluffy potatoes and gravy all brown, the roasted turkey which was a chicken, really, the old fruit cake and, last of all, the spicy pumpkin pie. The mother watched and smiled, but her eyes were moist a little, for every bit of food Priscilla served was as a gift. If only Phil could know.

But no one could explain to Phil. After the meal was over and extravagantly praised, the rich boy from the city seemed comfortably at home. He and Priscilla took a walk through the crisp, snowy Christmas starlight and still she could not tell him that she had no gift for him. Back to the front steps they came, then out of the shadows Buddie jumped and ran into the house. Phillip saw the mistletoe first and suddenly there was no need for explanations. The stars and the snowflakes saw him take the sweetest gift of all.—Maxine Chapman.

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The American Turkey

PERHAPS the most distinctive feature of our American Christmas dinner is the turkey. This noble bird is a Christmas feast requirement, whether the dinner be prepared in Texas or Wisconsin, New York or California. It is interesting to recall the origin of our national Christmas bird. The story of Capt. John Smith, fresh from his wars with the Turks, surveying the wild fowl in the forests of Virginia and of his uproarious laughter upon seeing the turkey gobbler strut proudly before the hens is perhaps fresher in the minds of our school children than in our own. At any rate, we agree with his comparison of the proud gobbler, for he "is exactly like the proud Turk showing off before his harem." So the name turkey is no longer familiar just to Americans, but has fast become an international medium of celebrating the happy Christmas season.—Frank H. Sweet.

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Mistletoe and Kissing

The mistletoe and kissing are always inseparably connected in the minds of Europeans, and as far back as tradition and history can go the quaint berried plant and kissing have always gone hand in hand together.

Christmas Day

Christmas is the sweetest day of the year, for the reason that it is, in its proper observance, utterly unselfish, and because it is the golden link of time that serves to bind heaven and earth in a closer understanding.

Tree Decorations

In spite of glittering decorations, the Christmas tree would only remain a dark pageant, were it not for the many colored electric lights which are deftly fastened all over it, and which, when lighted up, make it for the young people a thing of beauty and a joy—for that night at least!

She Helped Everett Do His Christmas Shopping

FOR weeks pretty Clare Reynolds, the new girl of a busy insurance office, worked directly across the table from Everett Moore without having drawn even a glance from him. And this was unusual for Clare.

Everett seemed glued to the sheet before him, but Clare, determined not to be the ice cracker, waited and hoped that sometime, somehow, something would happen to force him to look up and speak to her. She liked this good-looking, earnest-working chap in spite of his utter indifference, and just had to steal a futile glance at him occasionally.

It was Christmas eve and not a word had passed between them. He was still oblivious of her presence.

Early in the afternoon Clare put away her things and was putting on her wraps when some one questioned: "Leaving us, are you?"

"Yes, the boss is letting me off to finish up my Christmas shopping. I—"

"Shopping! Shopping!" almost shouted Everett Moore, looking up, startled, and for the first time, catching Clare's eye. She felt her cheeks flame. "Say, are you going Christmas buying, Miss—ah—Miss—"

"Reynolds," she replied. "Yes. Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Well, I should say! I had forgotten, really. Could I trot along with you and get you to help me make a couple of purchases? I never know what to buy for a woman."

Clare's heart was beating wildly. "Sure, I'll help you. I rather like spending somebody's money."

Out they went together. The sharp wind whizzing around the corner sang a joyous tune to Clare. Everett held her firmly by the arm and deftly guided her among the busy late shoppers, and within a very short time a floor lamp for his mother and an atomizer for his sister had been decided on and ordered delivered at once. They then went to a tea room for refreshments, and there, over the teacups, they really became acquainted. It was hard for Everett to leave her, but she had problems of her own to solve and time was getting short.

Christmas morning a bunch of red roses with a note attached from Everett was among Clare's most highly treasured gifts. The note read:

"From an admiring friend. Why didn't we know each other long ago?"

And Clare also wondered why.—Lily Rutherford Morris.

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Plum Pudding and Her Christmas Dinner Guest

MARION opened the door of the bedroom so suddenly that she did not see the young man standing in the hall. And such was her haste that she bumped into him. He attempted to recover his balance but fell and struck his head.

"Oh, dear! I beg your pardon. Have I killed you?" she cried.

"Not at all," he replied scrambling to his feet.

"But your head is cut; it's bleeding. Come in and let me bandage it." The young man entered the room and Marion deftly bandaged the cut.

"And now won't you stay and eat Christmas dinner with me?" she asked.

The man smiled. "I certainly will. I was smelling your plum pudding when you opened the door. It smelled like those we used to have when I was a boy. I was hungry and was thinking how wonderful an invitation to dinner would be."

"My aunt sent me the dinner. I was homesick thinking of all the folks and the good time they're having and I was wishing I had a guest," chirped Marion.—Jane Roth.

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SQUARIN' UP WITH SANTA

By FRED KELLER DIX

DEAR SANTA CLAUS: Since Christmas isn't very far away,
And daddy said he's goin' to write, a-tellin' you to stay
Away from our house Christmas Eve'—'cause I've been bad all year,
I'm writin' 'fore my daddy does to sorto' make things clear,

You know, last summer, Santa dear, Tom Scott began to tease
My collie dog and said he's jest et up with pesky fleas.
I soaked him in the ear, 'cause he was pickin' on my pup—
But Santa, now I'm sorry and I want to square things up.

'Twas dull old 'zamination time the day I broke the rule
And slipped away a-fishin', stead o' goin' on to school.
The whole out-doors was ringin' and the brimmin' fishin' hole
Kep' a-coaxin' and a-hollerin'—"Come and cut yourself a pole."

The dartin' yellow shiners 'round my hook were crowdin' thick.
While daddy thought I's safe in school, the teacher thought I's sick—
And called to see her inv'lid pupil after school that night.
Oh, Santa, now I'm sorry and I want things squared up right!

Now Santa Claus, in closin', won't you sorto overlook
These triflin' things this time—and bring a picture book,
An air gun, sled, and skates, and other things that you can spare,
Please bring my dog a collar, too, for now his neck is bare.

And don't forget some candy and some nuts, and when you come,
If you can find some extra room, you might slip a drum.
I'm goin to be a better boy and mind and do what's right,
A Merry Christmas, Santa! Hope I'm squared up now, good night!

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Christ's Natal Day

By BELLE WILLEY GUE

SHOUT aloud on Christmas morn,
"Love and Peace this day were born!"

Greet the world with joy and gladness!
Help to banish want and sadness!

May the memory of this day
Linger with you all the way.

So that, whate'er may betide you,
Mercy will forever guide you.

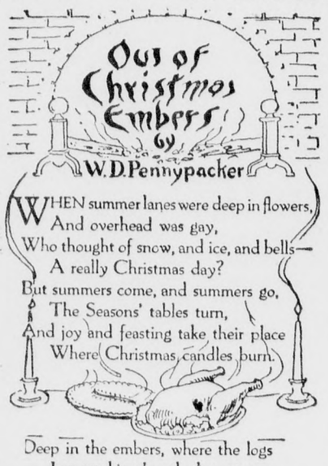
Fix your thoughts on Love and Peace
Till all cruelty shall cease.

Christmas Card Custom

In 1846 the king of England sent cards of greeting to his friends and this started the custom. In England, too, was first started the nice customs of saying Merry Christmas and of decorating the house.

Christmas Joy

A man is only an apology for a man if he fails at Christmastide to bring joy to at least one man, one woman, one child or one animal.—Chas. XIII.



WHEN summer lanes were deep in flowers,
And overhead was gay,
Who thought of snow, and ice, and bells—
A really Christmas day?
But summers come, and summers go,
The Seasons' tables turn,
And joy and feasting take their place
Where Christmas candles burn.

Deep in the embers, where the logs
Lay smoking 'neath the crane,
A thousand little twinkles catch
A rhythmic, Yule refrain.
The day of glad good-will has come—
Most festive of the year;
The day among ten thousand days—
Our Christmas Day, is here!

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